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**Art Unit: 1623** 

**Examiner: Lewis, Patrick** Confirmation No.: 3882

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/920,286; Filed: August 2, 2001

Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked

Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives

Inventor:

Xiaobin ZHAO

Our Ref:

0623.1110001/LBB/MGP

Sir:

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Application No. 09/920,286; Filed: August 2, 2001

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- 1. SKGF Cover Letter;
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- 3. Copies of documents previously filed from August 20, 2003 and September 30, 2003 along with copies of date-stamped cards; and
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**Acid Derivates** 

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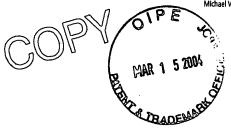
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